

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-13. (canceled)

14. (canceled)

15. (previously presented) A locking device according to claim 24, wherein the first and second magnet means are permanent magnets.

16. (previously presented) A locking device according to claim 24, wherein the first magnet means is associated with the input drive shaft.

17. (previously presented) A locking device according to claim 24, wherein the first magnet means is associated with the output drive shaft.

18. (previously presented) A locking device according to claim 24, wherein the second magnet means is associated with the housing.

19. (previously presented) A locking device according to claim

24, wherein the second magnet means is mounted on an internal wall of the housing.

20. (previously presented) A locking device according to claim 24, wherein the first magnet means defines with the second magnet means a gap therebetween.

21. (currently amended) A locking device according to claim 24, wherein the housing is subdivided by a partition into a first part and a second part, wherein the drive element is in the first part and the first and second magnet means in the second part.

22. (previously presented) A locking device according to claim 24, wherein a position determination sensor element is associated with at least one of input drive shaft and the output drive shaft.

23. (previously presented) A locking device according to claim 24, wherein an epicyclic transmission is connected between the input drive shaft and the output drive shaft.

24. (previously presented) A locking device for vehicles having drive means rotatably mounted in a housing, said drive means comprises a drive element, an input drive shaft, and an output drive shaft connected to the input drive shaft, first magnet means associated with said drive means and second magnet means, wherein, in the event of a power cut off to the drive element, the first magnet means acts on the second magnet means to rotate

one of the input drive shaft and the output drive shaft to a variable and selectable safe rest position.

25. (previously presented) A locking device according to claim 24, wherein the drive element is selected from an electric motor, a pneumatic drive, and a hydraulic drive.